

House Resolution 624

By: Representative O`Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Constitutional Officer Fees Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the General Assembly established by general law most of the fees collected by
3 the sheriffs, probate judges, superior court clerks, tax commissioners, and magistrate judges;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the person receiving the service pays for most or all of
6 the service, rather than shifting the cost to the property taxpayers, the fees should more
7 closely reflect the cost of providing the service; and

8 WHEREAS, from time to time, these fees need to be reviewed, evaluated, and updated in
9 order to ensure that the cost of providing the service is reflected accurately by the fee
10 charged.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 there is created the House Constitutional Officer Fees Study Committee to be composed of
13 seven members, four of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives to be
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The chairperson of the House
15 Committee on Ways and Means shall be a member of the committee. The sixth member of
16 the committee shall be an incumbent county commissioner and the seventh member shall be
17 an incumbent constitutional county officer, both of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker
18 of the House of Representatives. The Speaker may seek the advice and recommendations
19 of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the Constitutional Officers
20 Association of Georgia regarding the respective appointments of the sixth and seventh
21 members. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the
22 committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
24 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action

25 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
26 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
27 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
28 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
29 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
30 Code of Georgia Annotated. Other members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the
31 amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
32 Annotated as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.
33 The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the
34 committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary
35 to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the
36 House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
37 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
38 made on or before December 1, 2009. The committee shall stand abolished on December
39 1, 2009.